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SUBJECT: FULL TEXT SPEECH MADE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH
AT CLOSING SESSION OASGA.

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF SPEECH MADE BY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY KUBISCH AT CLOSING SESSION MAY 1, OF THE OASGA,
ATLANTA:

"ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
I WISH TO THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR THE THOUGHTFUL
AND GRACIOUS RESOLUTION WHICH THIS ASSEMBLY ADOPTED EARLIER
TODAY. IT HAS BEEN BOTH AN HONOR AND A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE
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FOR THE UNITED STATES TO SERVE FOR THE FIRST TIME AS HOST

FOR THIS ORGANIZATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GATHER TOGETHER A MORE CONGENIAL GROUP THAN THIS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF THIS HEMISPHERE; THE STAFF OF THE OAS SECRETARIAT; REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER LANDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WHO ARE OBSERVERS HERE -- ALL CONSTITUTE AS COSMOPOLITAN AND FRIENDLY A GROUP AS ONE COULD WISH FOR.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTA HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR OWN DELIGHT AT HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER THEIR HOSPITALITY TO THE FINE PEOPLE WHICH THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER HERE. I BELIEVE THAT -- QUITE APART FROM ITS WORK -- THIS MEETING HAS ALSO BEEN AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL EVENT AND A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONS OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, CULTURES AND LANGUAGES TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER.

EVEN WE OF THE U.S. DELEGATION HAVE FOUND IT BOTH AN ADVENTURE AND -- I MUST CONFESS -- A PLEASURE TO GET AWAY FOR AWHILE FROM WASHINGTON. JUDGING FROM THE COMMENTS OF MANY OF THE REST OF YOU, I GATHER THAT YOU HAVE FOUND IT AS REFRESHING A VISIT AS WE HAVE.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF AND THE ENTIRE U.S. DELEGATION WITH THE MANY COMMENTS WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE FRIENDLINESS AND HOSPITALITY OF THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTA. WE HAVE ALL HAD A FIRST HAND VIEW OF SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY.

AT THE RISK OF NOT NAMING SPECIFICALLY SOME VERY IMPORTANT INDIVIDUALS IN THE LOCAL PLANNING FOR THIS MEETING, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE SPECIAL APPRECIATION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR ALL THE WORK DONE BY GOVERNOR CARTER AND MAYOR JACKSON AND THEIR STAFFS, AS WELL AS THE HARD-WORKING PEOPLE OF THE ADELANTE ATLANTA COMMITTEE, AND THE HUNDREDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE OPENED THEIR HOMES AND HEARTS TO US. WE ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE TO THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE AND THE OTHERS WITH OFFICES IN THIS HISTORIC BUILDING FOR THEIR KINDNESS IN

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TURNING THEIR FACILITIES OVER TO US.

I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT IS THE GOVERNOR OF THE MAYOR -- OR SOMEONE ELSE -- WHO HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WEATHER -- OR HANK AARON'S HOME RUN ON OAS NIGHT AT THE STADIUM. WHOEVER DESERVES THE CREDIT FOR THESE THINGS HAS ADDED TO OUR PLEASURE. I ALSO WISH TO MENTION THE LOCAL AND VISITING PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION, TOO, FOR

THEIR FINE COVERAGE OF THIS ASSEMBLY.

MY GOVERNMENT WISHES ESPECIALLY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR SENDING THE RONDALLA STUDENT GROUP FROM THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMING WHO ENTERTAINED SO GENEROUSLY AND BEAUTIFULLY; TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR THE STEEL BAND SOLO HARMONITES WHICH WAS ALMOST SYMPHONIC IN ITS VERSATILITY; AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR THE DRAMATIC FOLK DANCE GROUP FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GUADALAJARA AND FOR THE SUPERB COLLECTION OF SIQUEIROS PAINTINGS. THESE AND THE MANY PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTA ADDED GREATLY TO OUR CONFERENCE.

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS SPECIAL REGRET THAT HE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS FINAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE HAS SENT A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO HIS EXCELLENCY, FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES OF ECUADOR, WHO HAS SO ABLY SERVED AS THE CHAIRMAN FOR MUCH OF THIS ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT, I DO NOT HESITATE TO ADD MY VOICE TO THAT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER IN THANKING YOU ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR THE DEMANDING AND DIFFICULT JOB YOU HAVE SO SPLENDIDLY AND GRACIOUSLY PERFORMED.

IF I MAY BE PERMITTED A FINAL WORD BEFORE CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS SINCE OUR LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WASHINGTON MUCH AS HAPPENED IN THE AMERICAS AND IN UNITED STATES-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS.

I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A MAJOR SHIFT IN UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS THE COUNTRIES OF

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THIS HEMISPHERE.

THE NEW SPIRIT THAT IS PERMEATING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM REFLECTS THE NEW REALITY: THAT IN THIS CONTINENT, AS IN THE WORLD, OUR NATIONS FACE -- TOGETHER -- A BROAD AGENDA OF INTERDEPENDENCE.

IN HIS SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THIS ASSEMBLY, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER SAID THAT OUR PURPOSE IS AGE OLD: TO REALIZE MAN'S ETERNAL ASPIRATION FOR LIFE OF PEACE, WELL-BEING, DIGNITY AND JUSTICE.

AND THE CHALLENGE BEFORE THE AMERICAS IS TO DEFINE OUR PLACE IN THIS GLOBAL QUEST, TO FIND HOW THE DISTINCTIVE AND SPECIAL BONDS THAT HAVE UNITED US -- AND THAT ARE REFLECTED

IN THIS ORGANIZATION -- CAN FOSTER COOPERATION
AMONG THE NATIONS ASSEMBLED HERE AND ALL OF THE NATIONS OF
THE WORLD.

IN BOGOTA, IN MEXICO CITY, IN QUITO, LIMA, WASHINGTON --
IN MANY OTHER PLACES -- AND, NOW, IN ATLANTA, WE HAVE SEEN
DURING THESE PAST TWELVE MONTHS AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN
DIRECTION IN INTER- AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS. REJECTING
AUTARKY AND RESPECTING DIVERSITY, WE HAVE BEGUN TO MOVE
FORWARD ONCE AGAIN IN A RENEWED SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND
SOLIDARITY.

THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THIS BOLD AND PROMISING
CHANGE.

JUST BEFORE HE LEFT WASHINGTON LAST SUNDAY TO EMBARK
ONCE AGAIN UPON HIS IMPORTANT SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST, SECRETARY KISSINGER CALLED ME AND A NUMBER OF
OTHER HIGH RANKING UNITES STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO
HIS OFFICE TO INSTRUCT US TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH THE
RAPID AND WHOLEHEARTED FULFILLMENT OF THE NEW INITIATIVES
HE HAS UNDERTAKEN IN INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITMENTS
AND PLEDGES THAT HE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED
STATES TO THIS ASSEMBLY TWELVE DAYS AGO.

YESTERDAY ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE RUSH INSTRUCTED
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ME TO RETURN TO ATLANTA AND REAFFIRM ONCE AGAIN TO THIS
ASSEMBLY THE FULL COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE
NEW SPIRIT OF TLATELOLCO AND TO THE PLEDGES TO THIS
ORGANIZATION AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE HEMISPHERE THAT
THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE DURING THE COURSE OF THIS
ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN:

THERE WILL BE NO FAILURE ON THE PART OF MY GOVERNMENT
TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO IMPLEMENT THE UNDER-
TAKINGS TO WHICH WE HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN, ONE AND ALL. MAILLIARD UNQUOTE
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